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Town of Bridgeville
101 N. Main Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933



Bridgeville Historical Society

Check Out the new Bridgeville Historical Society's website!

bridgevillehistoricalsocietyde.org

The mission of the Bridgeville Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and share the history of Bridgeville, Delaware, and the northwest quadrant of Sussex County, Delaware, in order to educate present and future generations.

Upcoming Community Events:

- Community Yard Sale: **September 18**
- Clean Up Day: **Date TBD**
- 2021 Bridgeville Charity Open: **October 8**
- Apple Scrapple Festival: **October 8-9**

Still in Planning: Bridgeville Trunk or Treat, Christmas in Bridgeville

Welcome to the Journal!

COVID-19 Related Updates – Town Hall Reopening

We began phased reopening Town Hall to the general public on May 10, 2021. Monday Through Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM ONLY. Please note that these hours may change to protect the health and safety of our staff.

Appointments can still be made on an as-needed basis from 8:30 to 4:30. Please take precautions when coming into Town Hall. If you feel sick or have any COVID-related symptoms, we ask that you stay at home and continue using the dropbox, online, and phone payment options. Masks will be required at all times while inside the building. You may also call us at (302) 337-7135 or email at townofbridgeville@gmail.com, and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Check our website and social media pages for updates often.

For payment options – payments may be mailed (please allow time for delivery), placed in the black drop box by the back door of Town Hall, made online at Bridgeville.delaware.gov, **or can call Town Hall to make a payment over the phone.** Payments must be received by the due date to avoid interest.

Property Tax Billing

Property Tax bills will be mailed out to all property owners around the middle of July. Payment is due September 30, 2021. This is year 3 of the approved 5 year tax increase. The FY22 tax rate is \$2.76 per hundred dollars of the assessment.



YOUR PASSPORT TO SUMMER FUN



Some Yard Maintenance Reminders:

Grass: No owner of land shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes or shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of the Town of Bridgeville.

No weeds, grass, or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a height of eight inches at any time of the calendar year.

No hedges, bushes, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the free passage of or present a danger to pedestrians on any street, alleyway, sidewalk, or walkway.

No weeds, grass, or other vegetation clippings, etc., shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk, or walkway.

Please keep grass and weeds from covering meter pit lids for ease of location and also to prevent obstructing the meter reading process. Property owners will be charged to replace or repair damaged meter or meter reading equipment caused by them or their contractor(s). It is unlawful for anyone other than Town Personnel to enter the meter pit. If caught, you will be subject to fines of up to \$250.

Thank you – Our Local Legislators

A shout out and a huge **THANK YOU** to our local legislators – **Sen. Brian Pettyjohn** and **Rep. Jesse Vanderwende**. With the end of legislative session on 6/30, they were able to secure funding for Bridgeville through the Bond Bill, which will be used for planned capital improvements and infrastructure upgrades!



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And also **Nextdoor**



**Commission Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.
Commission Workshops are held on the last Monday of every month at 5:00 PM.**

Virtual meeting links and supporting documentation can be found with each agenda posted on our website one week prior, at bridgeville.delaware.gov.

Have a Happy 4TH of JULY



"If you lived here, you would be home now."

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Important dates

- July 5** – Town Hall Closed-In Observance of Independence Day (July 4)
- July 12** - EDC Meeting
5 PM - Zoom Only
- July 12** - Commission Meeting
7 PM - Town Hall/Zoom
- July 20** - Planning and Zoning
6 PM - Library/Zoom
- July 25** - W&S Bills Due
- July 26** - Commission Workshop
5 PM - Town Hall/Zoom

Bridgeville Public Library

bridgevillepubliclibrary.com

Operating Hours- Monday and Friday 10 AM-5 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 10 AM-7 PM, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM, Sunday-closed. Closed on July 3rd & July 17th.

Summer Reading Program Register at sussexcountye.beanstack.org

Kiwanis B-B-Q- Bridgeville Library's Annual Fundraiser, Saturday, July 17th & Sunday, July 18th at the Kiwanis Stand on Seashore Highway.

Grab-N-Go Craft Bags- Preschoolers and school-age children are available in the library. new ones available for pick-up on July 12th & July 26th.

Babies & Blankets- Ages 4 & Under, with Miss Kathy will be held outside on, July 13, & July 28th at 10 AM

Story Time- Held outside With Miss Kathy, July 13th & July 27th at 10 AM.

WSD Roaming Raider Food Truck - will also be coming to the library every Monday 12:10-12:25 pm, to provide meals for children of WSD.

Family Fun Event- Family Fun Events- July 6th & July 20th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Registration is required. Details will be posted on the Library's Facebook page and website.

Abbott's Mill- Owls of Delmarva- Tuesday, July 13th at 10 am for a virtual presentation via ZOOM and explore the amazing and mysterious world of Owls.

Cascading Carlos- Monday, July 12th at 2 pm with your family for a fun and entertaining show with the amazing Cascading Carlos.

Western Sussex Unified Sanitary Sewer District

That's a wrap! After several years of hard work, as of July 1, 2021, Bridgeville is now part of the County owned and operated sewer system. This billing is the last sewer bill you will receive from the Town. You will STILL receive water bills from the Town. In August, you will receive your first new quarterly bill from Sussex County. In addition, you will receive an annual assessment fee with your County property tax bill. The attached flyer explains and breaks down the new rate structure – along with contact information should you have any additional questions or wish to set up a payment account.

The flyer and a presentation from the county are also available to view on our website. While the structure is a little different than you may be used to, here is what your bill comparison may look like: ←

Have any recipes to share? Submit to townofbridgeville@gmail.com

Recipe: APPLE PIE

Ingredients	Instructions	by Jeanine Clark
CRUST: 3 c flour 1 tsp salt 1 1/2 c Crisco 1 egg 1 tsp vinegar 6 Tbsp water FILLING: 5-6 c apples 3/4 c sugar 2 Tbsp flour 1 tsp cinnamon dash nutmeg & salt 2-3 Tbsp butter cinnamon & sugar	For crust, mix together flour and salt. Cut in Crisco till crumbly. Add egg, vinegar, and water and use a fork to combine. Do not over mix. Creates 4-6 crusts. For filling, peel and slice apples. Combine with sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Roll out and place one crust in the bottom of a pie plate. Add filling. Top with small squares of butter. Roll out and place one crust on top. Pinch edges and cut slits into the middle of the crust. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake for 15 min @ 415° and then 45 min @ 350°.	

Chewy Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookies

(from Land O' Lakes Butter pkg. Makes about 26 Jumbo Cookies)

Ingredients:	Preheat oven to 375°
4 1/4 Cups All Purpose Flour	1 1/4 Cups Sugar
1 teaspoon Baking Powder	1 1/4 Cups firmly packed Brown Sugar
1 teaspoon Baking Soda	2 Eggs
1/2 teaspoon Salt	1 Tablespoon Vanilla Extract
1 1/2 Cups Unsalted Butter	
1 12 oz. package Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks or Chocolate Chips	

Directions:

Heat oven to 375°
 Combine flour, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in medium sized bowl. Set aside.
 Combine butter, sugar, and brown sugar in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping the bowl often, until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla. Continue beating, scraping often until well mixed. Reduce speed to low. Beat, gradually adding flour mixture until well mixed. Stir in Chocolate chunks.



-If your monthly sewer bill was \$24.00 – It will now come out to \$24.66 per month (billed every three months for a total of \$74.00)

-If your monthly sewer bill was over \$24.00 per month-it will still come out to \$24.66 per month (billed every three months for a total of \$74.00).

-The additional assessment that comes with your tax bill will be \$285.00 for a typical residential home. This is NOT increasing your property taxes, just billed at the same time.

- The \$6,600 Impact fee is for construction of new homes only – not a charge for current residents!

Please read over the attached flyer for further details!

Board of Adjustment Opening

We still have one opening available—this an excellent opportunity to get involved with the Town. Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis. Letters of interest may be dropped off at Town Hall or submitted to townofbridgeville@gmail.com.

Contact Information

Town Hall: (302) 337-7135 Fax: (302) 337-7817
For After Hour Emergencies please call the Police Dept.

Police Department:(302) 337-8302

Non-Emergency:(302) 337-8305

Fax: (302) 337-8359

Bridgeville Fire Dept. (302) 337-7272

Fire, Ambulance, Police: 911

State Police, Troop 5 (302) 337-1090

Sussex County: (302) 855-7700

Bridgeville Public Library: (302) 337-7401